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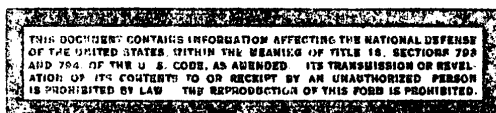
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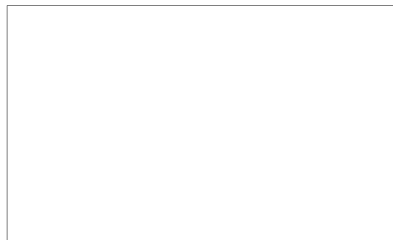
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Between 23 March and 28 April 1955, Soviet naval vessels were seen in the Warnemuende-Swinemuende area of the Baltic Sea. The following details were obtained:

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Date	Time	Position	Class	Type	Course and Speed	Remarks
23 March	0700	approx 16 seamiles off Mexico, at 170°	u/1	u/1	East, 4-5 seamiles	The vessel had a length of approx 130 meters, vertical stern, flush deck, free foredeck, square bridge mounting a conning tower which had approx same diameter as stack and was longer than stack; straight stack, separated from bridge. On quarterdeck, a boxlike superstructure, somewhat lower than bridge. No windows or bull's eyes were determined at the sides of the bridge and superstructure. No armament and no flag were seen. The ship lay 8 to 10 meters high above the surface. For a short while, white smoke or steam emerged from the stack. The vessel had a gray coat of paint and appeared to be a target ship. She was followed by an u/1 destroyer the identification number of which could not be determined. The ship did not fly a flag. She had a short foredeck, and a long deck abaft bridge; broken deck at about trailing edge of bridge, raised low, a gun on the foredeck and, above, forward of bridge, another gun. Two raked stacks with caps, a mast abaft bridge, a second mast forward of second stack, torpedo mounts between the two stacks and abaft of second stack. Another gun on the quarterdeck.
6 April	1000 and 1700	Swinemucade- West swept channel	speedboats	Nico ?	North, slow	

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14 April	during the day	Close to the shore off Sassnitz	destroyer (?) Kola (?) at anchor	The vessel had one stack, a flush deck and 1 gun each forward and aft. ¹	25X1
14 April	during the day	Between Stubbenkammer on Ruegen Island and the swept channel	mine sweepers T 301 (?) south, medium	One of these boats was marked with a white rosette on its gray stack. The boats flew the Soviet ensign. Two boats with smoke screens buoys were ahead and laid an artificial screen. The four other boats followed side by side passing through the artificial screen. One of the buoys could be seen from a short distance. In its upper side it had a hole, approx as large as the palm of hand, out of which liquid flowed which immediately changed into smoke.	25X1 25X1
19 April	1246	Swept channel No 1, position No 7b, off Warnemuende	mine sweeper ex M 40 (?) west, 10 knots	The vessel had one stack with a silver-brass coat of paint and a black top. It was coal-fired, for thick smoke emerged from the stack.	25X1 25X1
28 April	-	-	-	An East German ship skipper from Warnemuende stated that Soviet mine sweepers were seen close to the shore off Warnemuende on 28 April. He believed that the mine sweepers were engaged in practices.	25X1

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